IN THE

CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY

Amended Administrative Order No. 2020-11

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and consistent with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health, an emergency exists that poses a threat of harm to individuals in Maryland who seek to enter a court or judicial facility and come into contact with personnel; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 emergency has continued, with public health strategies appearing to have been effective in reducing the transmission rate in Maryland and such restrictions gradually having been lessened, the resumption of certain judicial functions became possible, with the implementation of safeguards as advised by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals issued an Amended Administrative Order Lifting the Statewide Suspension of Jury Trials and Resuming Grand Juries; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals ordered that grand juries may resume at the discretion of the administrative judge and grand juries currently convened may be extended by the administrative judge pursuant to an administrative order,

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-105(b), it is this __5th_ day of June, 2020 hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-301 allowing extension of grand jury terms and the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals' Amended Administrative Order Lifting the Statewide Suspension of Jury Trials and Resuming Grand Juries, dated June 3, 2020,

the current grand jury term which began on January 13, 2020, shall be extended; and it is further

ORDERED that the extension of the Grand Jury term is effective June 15, 2020; and it is further

ORDERED that Administrative Order 2020-10, dated June 4, 2020, shall be and hereby is rescinded effective immediately.

Audrey J.S. Carrión, Administrative Judge Circuit Court for Baltimore City

CC:

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Senior Judges, Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Orphans' Court for Baltimore City

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